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Tony Vella for George Cross?

1963

## de BRUYCKERE TO COACH AT MELB.



MIKE de BRUYCKERE  
... "I'd like to play one more game."

### Top Clubs plan new set-up

State League clubs will be sent a questionnaire on new plans for future reorganisation of the League.

This was decided at a meeting of the club at Soccer House on Monday night.

One of the plans is believed to be for a 10-team State League.

Another is a proposal for two divisions of State League, each with 10 teams.

Delegates at the meeting decided to scrap plans for the time being for forming the State League into a company.

Questions for the questionnaire are now being prepared, and it is not known what clubs will be asked to discuss.

But it is almost certain that one question will concern the shape and form of promotion and relegation.

As well as the questionnaire, clubs will be given copies of the minutes of last Monday night's meeting.

Clubs will be given a reasonable time to examine the proposals and will discuss them at a meeting in about three weeks.

### VIC MANSON QUILTS MELB.

Popular Melbourne secretary Vic Manson has resigned from the club. New secretary is Joe Szalay, of the London Driving School, Acland St, St. Kilda.

Vic will be returning to England early next year, but will continue his interest in the club while he's here.

Melbourne's new president is Mr Janos Borbely. Team manager is A. Gemes and treasurer is Mr Szanto. Mr Andy Kun was re-elected as a vice-president.

### CLUBS MOVE IN COURT

Notice of motion for an interlocutory injunction restraining the Victorian Soccer Federation from taking steps to relegate Croatia and Allemania-Richmond was lodged with the Supreme Court on Tuesday afternoon for hearing this Friday.

The injunction, which seeks to restrain the Federation from taking any action until the final hearing of the case, was taken out by Frederick Owen and Associates, solicitors for the two clubs.

Croatia and Richmond have taken out a Supreme Court writ against the Victorian Soccer Federation claiming an injunction against relegation to the Metropolitan League.

Hearing of the case is expected to take place before Christmas.

### Two teams loom as '64 dangers

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## NO A. G. M. UNTIL '64

The Victorian Soccer Federation annual meeting for 1963 will not be held until towards the end of January next year.

No notice of the meeting has been sent to clubs, and, under the rules of the constitution, 45 days' notice must be given.

This means that even if the Council gave notice next year, the meeting could not be held until at least January 15, allowing a few days for notices to be prepared.

The last annual meeting was held in December last year.

In previous years it has always been the practice to hold annual meetings in November or December.

Metropolitan clubs will meet before the annual meeting to appoint their nominees to the Federation council and executive.

### SANTOS CHAMPS

RIO DE JANEIRO. Sunday Santos of Brazil remained unofficial world club champions by beating European Cup champions Milan 1-0 in their inter-continental cup play-off here last night.

Long after the last Soccer ball has been kicked (officially) for 1963, there are still some players who are determined to make it a year-round, summer and winter sport.

Like the chaps who played a scratch match in the heat at Elwood last Sunday.

Here a goalkeeper rises to pluck the ball from the air in the match, Richmond Club Old Boys v St. Kilda Junction Hotel Old Boys.

Another match will be played at Elwood this Saturday — Scottish players v Hungarian players.

### NO PHONES AT SOCCER HOUSE

Soccer House was without a telephone on Wednesday morning.

Secretary-manager Stuart Beaton said that trees being cut down in the vicinity of Soccer House caused the trouble.

Phone service was resumed later in the day.

### Tony to wed

Wedding bells soon for Tony Zubiani, the former Moreland centre who is now with Melbourne. Tony was the State League's highest scorer in the 1959 season.

## NEXT YEAR

Former star Dutch international Mike de Bruyckere has been signed to coach Melbourne next season.

Mike has just completed a successful season as player-coach for Lions.

And strong rumors persist in State League circles that Lions wing-half Tony Vella will be approached to coach George Cross next year.

If de Bruyckere is transferred to Melbourne as coach and not as a player Lions will lose the £400 they paid Wilhelmina for him early this year.

Mike told Soccer News yesterday that he had big hopes for Melbourne next season, and he was determined to win the championship for them. "Melbourne has the best material in State League," he said.

"I will not play next year," Mike said.

"To be a successful coach you must devote all your time to it, and that's exactly what I intend doing in '64."

But Mike says he'd like one more game before he bows out as a player—and this he'd like to be at Olympic Park.

Mike said he was already coaching Melbourne's Under-20's, who were undefeated this season.

Mike came to Australia from Holland with a fine reputation as an inside-forward.

His coaching of the Victorian side in 1960 helped earn Victoria the title of champion State.

Last season he coached Lions and later helped Juventus for their Australia Cup games. This season he was mainly responsible for lifting Lions on the league ladder.

If Vella joins George Cross it's almost certain that popular Hugh McVean will lose his job with the club.

Vella is a former George Cross player, and is recognised as an astute tactician.

### Russians cheaper!

From TERRY SMITH  
SYDNEY, Wednesday — Which Soccer team will tour here next year?

The Australian Soccer Federation chairman thinks that a top Russian club team would be the biggest attraction.

But secretary Bob Clark says that a tour by Everton would do more good for the code.

But the final say went to Federation chairman Theo Marmaras before he left for Europe last Friday.

"The Russian team is prepared to play eight matches for almost the same price that Everton are asking for four games," he said.

So it looks like a team from Russia coming here unless Everton drop their price.

See story Page 7.



### WHY KEEP IT QUIET?

Soccer came in for a pen-lashing in Sydney at the weekend because newspapermen were not given the true facts by the Australian Soccer Federation.

In an editorial in the Sydney Sunday Mirror, Sports Editor, Frank Browne, attacked the present trip overseas by Mr Marmaras and Mr Clark.

Extracts from Frank Browne's story are: "The surest way of seeing the world at somebody else's expense is to become a politician. Becoming a top Soccer official must run a pretty close second."

"This is all the more remarkable because Soccer in Australia is anything but affluent. Only two of Sydney's first division clubs are solvent."

"The others are in the red to varying degrees, ranging from mere shortage of ready money to galloping bankruptcy."

"The position is no better in Victoria, yet officials continue on luxury jaunts at frequent intervals."

"In pursuance of the principle that what Soccer in Australia needs is more and more globetrotting by its leading officials, Messrs Clark and Marmaras headed for England and Russia last Friday. "They will discuss a visit to Australia by either an English or a Russian club."

"It's a mere matter of months since both returned from a junket to Switzerland."

### NO LUXURY JAUNTS

"As Soccer's main troubles in Australia are financial, money being spent on overseas trips to arrange details that other codes apparently arrange by correspondence appear to be very difficult to justify."

For the record, let us put one or two matters straight.

Firstly, although the Victorian administration can be blamed for many things, we can think of no official who has taken off on a luxury jaunt this year.

Secondly, the Soccer public are NOT paying for the trip overseas by Mr. Marmaras and Mr. Clark.

The Pools Promoters' Association in London is paying Mr Marmaras' fare (he is going to negotiate for more money for Australia from the Pools people for use of Australian results — a fact Mr Browne had apparently not been told).

Mr Clark's fare is being paid by Swift and Moore, distributors of Haig's Whisky, who are underwriting the tour by a Russian club team in March.

Under these circumstances both trips appear to be justified, but if they were not sponsored we would unhesitatingly concede Mr Browne's point that both were a complete waste of the Soccer public's money.

What troubles us is that the Australian Soccer Federation's public relations are in such a poor state.

This is not the first time publicity from the Australian Federation has sadly fallen down.

The Craven A Australia Cup was a classic example of poor public relations. Newspapers were kept completely in the dark as to what was going on.

In Melbourne this year we have received the magnificent total of three Press handouts from the Australian Federation.

Sydney apparently do a little better, but then they, too, are not presented with the full facts — only a "buttered up" version.

Soccer officials must realise that publicity is the lifeblood of the code. Without it we are doomed to extinction.

Let's be frank with our public. Tell them what's going on. If Soccer chiefs have something to hide, then they must be replaced by men who have no fears of standing by their decisions.



# Italian clubs on the move

Melbourne's top Italian clubs are planning moves now to build their teams for 1964.

## Juventus

Juventus returned all their top officials unopposed at their recent annual general meeting — and they added seven new faces to their committee.

Honorary life president is Mr. Nino Borsari; president Mr. Leo Pellegrini; vice-presidents Mr. Ernesto Primavera and Mr. Remo Santilli; treasurer Mr. Gianni Costellini; secretary Mr. P. Bedrossian.

Committee members are: Messrs A. Fabris, L. Schiavon, L. Spadaro, G. Santil, G. Simionato, A. Poli, F. Varenti, G. Ronieri, R. Tarquinio, L. Rezzora, M. Muzzolino, V. Ciluro, P. Mirobello, A. Franchini, G. Blasco, G. Aloe.

More than 500 people attended the Juventus annual ball at Elwood last Friday. Mr and Mrs Harry Dockerty were guests.

## Oakleigh

The Mayor of Oakleigh, Cr Harris, has assured the Oakleigh SC committee that the club will have a new ground for 1964.

This assurance came at the club's annual ball at Atherton Hall.

The club will hold its annual meeting on Friday, November 29, at Oakleigh Town Hall. Only registered members will be admitted.

## Triestina

Triestina have elected a new committee to guide them into State League next year.

Mr Bruno Tessari, former Juventus and Moreland goalkeeper, has been elected president; Mr Costantino Pennisi vice-president; Mr Arparo Santo treasurer; Mr Giovanni Sabato, assistant treasurer; Mr John d'Andrea secretary; Mr Bruno Perenti assistant secretary.

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## He's Dennis the Menace

● Biggest menace in British Soccer at the moment is Manchester United's Dennis Law. He was the hero of their F.A. Cup win last season and is making his presence felt this year. Matt Busby, one of Britain's leading Soccer experts, says: "I have seen them off. Alex James, Carter, Doherty and Mannion. But Dennis Law is the tops. He has such amazing stamina, gives so much to the game. He's the finest I have ever seen." You will see Dennis in action at the Film Festival at the Palais, St. Kilda, on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3 and 4.

## JIM COOK tours the clubs

## A goalie for sale

Former Melbourne keeper Ernie Gross is back in Melbourne after a two-year spell in Sydney with Budapest. And he intends to stay here for good.

Ernie, who was transferred to Budapest in 1961 for a considerable fee, is a first class goalie and would like to link up with a State League side. Budapest are reported to want around the £400 mark. Ernie lives at Flat 1, 30 Williams Road, Windsor.

Gilbey's Cup and Sporting Globe winner Archie Campbell has added another cup to his collection with the George Cross Best and Fairest award.

## GEORGE CROSS

He received it at the Club's annual presentation and players "get together" at St Michael's Hall, North Melbourne.

Among the guests were Mr Theo Marmaras, president of the Victorian and Australian Soccer Federations, Mr Paul V. Paris, president of the Maltese Community Council, Dr A. A. Pollicino, honorary president of George Cross and the former Speaker in the Maltese Parliament, and Don Joiner, secretary of the Junior Federation.

## ELWOOD

The official Soccer season may be over but many of the top players are determined to keep themselves in condition.

At Elwood recently a couple of sides with no official labelling played a practice game in which hard tackling and rough and robust play was out.

Among those who took part were Garrett, Keenan, McQuillan, Angstenberger, Haaz, Mandalis, McDonagh, Fernie, Sanchez, David, Gregal, Weinberg, Kikas, Menich, Gerdan, Gross and the Aboyini brothers.

## JUVENTUS

It's a far cry from the Juventus of old days when their line-up was practically all-Italian. Fighting for first team places next season will be Beurcht (Dutchman), Hartley and Griggs (English), Patterson and Kenny (Irish), Millar, Donelevy and Scott (Scottish). In fact any more "outsiders" and it will be Italian in name only.

# BOOK NOW FOR BIG FILM NIGHT

Bookings for the big World Cup film and top British films to be held at the Palais, St. Kilda, on December 3 and 4 will open next Monday.

Tickets will be available from Soccer House, Myer's, Allans, M.S.D. and the Palais Theatre.

More than 3000 good seats are available at 10/- each, with 5/- for children.

All proceeds will go to the development of Junior Soccer throughout Australia.

The films had their Australian premiere in Sydney last night. Soccer News man Jim Usher flew to Sydney to preview the films, and will give you a full report in Soccer News next week.

The film night will show highlights of the World Championship held at Chile, South America, last year. Other features will be British Soccer films in color (see advertisement, Page 3).

Junior secretary Don Joiner last night appealed to all Soccer fans to attend the films and help the Juniors.

The films are the best Soccer films ever to be shown in Australia.

Already dozens of inquiries have been received by Soccer News and the Palais Theatre for tickets.

## Polonia's top men step down

Dr Charles Walker, president, and Warwick Spodar, secretary, will not seek re-election at the Polonia annual meeting on Sunday, December 8.

Mr Spodar announced this exclusively to Soccer News yesterday.

Mr Spodar said he would not nominate because he will be married on December 26, and he wants to devote more time to his new life next year.

The annual meeting will be held at 313 Latrobe St, City.

Wedding bells in the Polonia club will ring for star forward Mike Jurecki on December 14, and also for full-back Richard Szezepanski early in January.

# 'Mum' keeps them alert

By FRED VILLIERS

If you drive through Bayswater next weekend and see a woman coaching boys in Soccer, don't be shocked . . .

She's the "Mum" of Bayswater Soccer Club — Mrs Vidosava Mistic, of Keilor Ave, Bayswater.

Every weekend Mrs Mistic takes her juniors to one of the two Bayswater grounds and gives them training in kicking, dribbling and passing the ball.

She also organises the teams for their Saturday games and drives them to the ground in her utility.

Bayswater's "Mum", as she's known to her 68 boys, is well qualified for her position.

Before she came to Australia from Germany 14 years ago she played left-wing with a male team in Hanover.

Mrs Mistic, who has lived in Bayswater for 10 years, has spent the past two with the juniors.

She's probably the only woman coach we have in Soccer.

As well as coaching the boys, she washes their shirts, shorts and socks every week.

Before the game she always briefs the boys on how to play.

Mrs Mistic has three daughters but no sons.

She is married to Cvetko Mistic, who played left-back for Footscray team J.U.S.T.

Bayswater have three junior teams, and Mrs Mistic says if she had more help they'd have three more!

## Polish miss



Blonde Miss Stella Ekselman was elected Miss Polonia at the Polonia ball last weekend. She is a strong club supporter.

Miss Ekselman is the daughter of a well-known Melbourne photographer.

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● They may be "old boys," but there's still plenty of life in them. These teams from the Richmond club Old Boys (dark shirts) and St. Kilda Junction Hotel Old Boys played a friendly at Elwood last Sunday. Who won? Who cares — it was just great to kick a ball around again.

"All we received for our two finals and semi-final was £1800," a very disappointed Warwick Spodar, Polonia secretary, said yesterday.

"We are far better off playing State League Soccer," he added.

Mr Spodar said he would register an official protest to the Australian Federation.

Wilhelmina's Dutch Fair proved most popular last week. One of the busiest stands was the wine stall. Visitors were asked to hook a bottle of wine with a fishing rod and a ring, instead of a hook. Wilhelmina player Franz van Balkom hooked a nice bottle of claret on Thursday night. Wonder how trout fisherman Des Palmer went?

I see one Melbourne newspaper uses a capital "R" for rugby and a small "s" for Soccer. Wonder what rugby's got that Soccer hasn't?

In my post bag this week is a letter from eleven indignant Springvale boys. They want to know when the last game for Under-16 premiership will be played. They claim a game between Wilhelmina and themselves will decide the issue. "Eleven good sports in Springvale are challenging their rivals in Ringwood. Come on, beat us and deserve the premiership," they say.

All readers of this column will wish young Stanley Matthews good luck in the South Australian tennis championships this week. Young Stan is the son of famous Stanley Matthews, who at 49 still turns out for Stoke City in English first division Soccer. Stanley, junior, with Mike Sangster, are both here to gain tennis experience and hope one day to bring the Davis Cup back to England after an absence of nearly 30 years.

Congratulations to Dr Charles Walker. Last week he was made president-elect of the Australian Sportsmen's Association. Dr Walker, who has been connected with Polonia for the past 12 years, has many sporting interests. One of his favorite sports is ice hockey — he's vice-chairman of the Hakoah club. We wish Dr Walker a successful year in office.



"Dandenong are in the first division by the skin of their teeth," says Peter Kadwell, Dandy's publicity man. "We realise we stand the least chance in the division, that's why we're going all out to win games next year," he tells me. The club have elected a new committee including secretary Johnny King, who plays a good game on the wing. Treasurer is Con Casticum and president is Johnny Kalk. Jim Mayers, last year's president, didn't seek election but will still take an interest in the club.



with FRED VILLIERS

Look out for a more powerful Juventus next season. All the committee and officers have been re-elected and I hear some new signings are likely before the 1964 kick-off.

Stan Handlesman, popular vice-president of Hakoah, is off overseas on a two-months business trip. We hear that he'll be in the United Kingdom for 10 days and will be looking for some new players. Hakoah could certainly do with a few as their position this year was dangerously low. Good luck with the signings, Stan!

Here's news of another future Metropolitan player — young 8lb 7oz Timothy James Kadwell. Timothy is the new-born son of Mr and Mrs Peter Kadwell, of Doveton. Peter is publicity officer for Dandenong.

Slavia's Ian McDonald has certainly put the sock in Soccer. Next Friday, after only two professional fights in Melbourne, he'll get main event billing against George Carroll in a 12 rounder at Festival Hall. Jack O'Brien, the Sporting Globe boxing writer, tells me that Ian's promotion was the quickest rise of any pro. boxer he'd known. Ian's contests include a four and a six rounder, both with impressive wins. Scottish-born Ian is a Slavia forward. All his club mates will be at the Hall tomorrow night cheering him on. Good luck, Ian!

Four balls last week — Box Hill, Juventus, the Referees' and Polonia. What a pity only one received advance publicity, but then, the Federation publicity department haven't got a crystal ball. They were informed of one — and only one got a mention.

Sir Kenneth Luke, VFL president, said at the VFA annual dinner recently that Soccer was getting its grounds on the cheap.

Wow! £8000 rental for Olympic Park for the State League season isn't cheap . . . or is it?

## TOP REF. MAY LIVE HERE

Top-grade Scottish referee Jimmy Barclay, from Kirkcaldy, Scotland, is considering an offer to come to Melbourne.

Eleven years a top-class ref in Scotland, Jimmy has been in charge of home internationals and has been on the official FIFA list for three years, during which

time he has handled some of the big European Cup games.

Mr Barclay, a carpet factory supervisor, is married, with two young daughters, Frances, 14, and Evelyn, 9, who are thrilled at the prospect of coming to Australia.

# LOU COMES BACK — WITH A WARNING!

Popular Lou de Bono was elected president of George Cross at the annual meeting on Sunday.

And back in office after a year's absence, Lou warned — "Look out for George Cross next season."

Big plans are afoot to make the Cross one of the strongest clubs in the State League.

On Sunday members voted to increase the annual membership fee from £1 per annum to £5. This is the first step in making the club strong.

Lou said the aim was to build up the team with new players from Scotland and Malta in time for the 1964 kick-off.

A membership drive will be held early next year, with big plans for promotion of social activities for George Cross supporters.

A fund-raising campaign also will be organised.

The new committee has plans to win the first State League championship for the club. One of the first problems the committee will tackle will be Freddie Falzon's possible transfer to Sydney club Prague.

One of the most hotly-

contested offices at the elections on Sunday was that of secretary. Former secretary Stan Stacey got in by four votes.

New officers are: President, Lou de Bono; treasurer, Emanuel Duck; secretary, Stan Stacey; committee, C. Buttigieg, C. Catajar, A. Attard, J. Borg, P. Vidal and J. Gauci.

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## CROATIA A.G.M.

Croatia will hold their annual meeting at the Federal Hotel, Collins St. City, on Sunday, at 2 p.m. Secretary Frank Burin requests all members to produce membership cards at the door.

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## The giant goalie

● **TALLEST (6'5")** and heftiest (15 stone odd) man in State League is Richmond goalie Rudy van Altena. The former Wilhelmina man's huge frame presents a king-sized problem to opposing forwards — how to get around him. Rudy's huge hands pick up a Soccer ball as though it were a tennis ball.



● **WE'VE** just scored a goal! That's what these three happy men from J.U.S.T. are saying after they had netted against Polonia in the Dockerty Cup final. The three are centre-forward Ivan Piki, inside-right Marco Pejovic and left-winger Tom Stankovic.

## DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN

● **FIRST** item of expenditure at Olympic Park next year should be for a stretcher. When George Cross full-back Eddie Sacco collapsed after a marathon Dockerty Cup game against Polonia, which ran into extra time, he was carried off in this makeshift arrangement. During the final minutes of the match

Sacco was as white as a sheet and supported himself on the goalposts. When he finally fainted Cross officials searched in vain for a stretcher, then settled on this tarpaulin. Sacco is being carried off by Cross treasurer Charlie Buttigieg, masseur Johnnie Johnson and his assistant.



## Will we see the again?

● **ONE** of the keenest Soccer teams in Melbourne was the Slavia Ladies' Soccer team. Their big problem was that they ran out of opponents. The girls played a curtain-raiser at Olympic Park early this year against Cobram ladies' team — and won handsomely. They played an odd game here and there after that, but now the girls are asking: "Will the Federation give us more games next year?" Those who saw the girls in action this year are no doubt hoping so!

In the picture at right the girls are holding cartons of Craven A cigarettes they received after a visit to the Craven A plant during the year.





# ade news in 1963



VE: One man's despair is others' jubilation. The -looking goalie on the and is Croatia's Frank Bobe- the happy men around him George Cross forwards er Cassar, Freddie Abela, y Fitchett and Marshall. Gibb is still on the and after scoring the goal brought George Cross level Croatia 1-1. Croatia had ked the Cross early, and Maltese boys made hard of scoring the equaliser. aps the added fire in Croa- hat day was due to their ers being locked up in a l the night before the game!

IT: "Goalies," cried Mel- ne's burly 'keeper Jim s, and his captain, Alan t, ducked to leave the ball Jim's safe hands. Alan the force behind Mel- ne's strong defence this . At centre-half he played ool, calculated game; al- s making position perfectly using his Glasgow Rangers team experience to 'advan- to get Melbourne out of y tight spots.

## girls



● BIG disappointment for South Melbourne-Hellas this year was the form of crack forward Johnny Margarites. Johnny suffered bad leg injuries during the year and never really captured the form that made him such a danger last year. Rarely did he fire those bullet-like shots of the past, that left many goalkeepers standing. Here, against Juventus, Johnny gets a retarding hand on the shoulder from the Italian centre-half Rocky Frangioni.

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● POLONIA'S goalkeeper Bruno Putkowski pounces on the ball as dangerous J.U.S.T. forward Vero Mladenovic moves in. These two teams provided many thrills for Soccer fans this year.



# ENGLAND SHOCK — LAW SENT OFF

From our Pools correspondent in London

Denis "the menace" Law, Manchester United's hat-trick specialist, was ordered off on Saturday.

United's Scottish international was given his marching orders while his team was being thrashed 4-0 by Aston Villa at Villa Park.

All three leading clubs in the English First Division — Sheffield United, Arsenal and Manchester United — lost on Saturday.

Sheffield United's home defeat, 1-0, by lowly Bolton Wanderers, who had won only two previous matches, was the big surprise of the division.

Arsenal were beaten by their London neighbors, Chelsea, 3-1.

## PROMOTION

Sheffield United still head the division, one point in front of Arsenal, Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur and Blackburn Rovers.

In the second division, Sunderland regained the leadership by beating Leyton Orient 4-1.

Leeds United, the previous leaders, could only draw against Preston North End, who have now emerged as strong promotion challengers.

There were the usual surprises in Saturday's first round FA Cup ties.

Best Cup win was by Gateshead, former members of the Football League, who beat fourth division Darlington 4-1 away.

Another shock by a non-league club was provided by Yeovil, famous giant killers of the past, who beat third division Southend United 1-0.

Seven non-league clubs, including the Amateur Cup holders Wimbledon, won their way through to the second round. Eight more will go into the hat this week and try to settle their

first-round matches in mid-week.

## Fog trouble

Fog in Lancashire caused postponement of two Cup and two League matches, and the Altrincham-Wrexham Cup tie was abandoned after 76 minutes.

Over the border in Scotland the big game was the match between the Division I leaders, Rangers, and

Kilmarnock. It ended in a 1-1 draw, which means Rangers still lead the division by one point.

There is no stopping Morton in the second division. They brought their goals total to 70 in 14 matches by beating Queen's Park 4-0.

Morton have a one-point lead over Clyde, 6-0 winners over Ayr United, and have two matches in hand.

## MORE RESULTS

**IRELAND**  
Irish League City Cup — Ballymena United 1, Derby City 1; Bangor 2, Ards 4; Coleraine 1, Glenties 4; Crusaders 5, Cliftonville 9; Distillery 3, Glenavon 2; Portadown 1, Linfield 5.

World Club Final match — Santos (Brazil) 4, Milan (Italy) 2 (at Rio de Janeiro).

Friendly — Sunderland (2nd Division) 5, Benfica (Portuguese champions) 3 (at Sunderland).

European Cup Winners Cup (second round first leg) — Fenerbach (Turkey) 4, Linfield (Northern Ireland) 1 (at Istanbul).

Irish League Gold Cup, semi-final — Glenties 3, Derry 3 (at Belfast).

European Cup (first round, first leg) — Zurich (Switzerland) 2, Galatasaray (Turkey) 0 (at Zurich).

League Cup (third round) — Millwall 2, Lincoln City 1.

Under 21 International (at Bristol) — England 1, Wales 1.

Inter Cities Fairs Cup (second round, first leg) — Arsenal 1, Liege (Belgium) 1.

English Football League Cup (fourth round) — Notts County 3, Portsmouth 2.

European Cup (first round, first leg) — Notts County 3, Portsmouth 2.

**THAILAND WIN**  
Bangkok, Saturday: Thailand, who led 2-1 at half-time, defeated Malaysia 3-2 tonight in a qualifying match of the 1964 Olympic Soccer tournament.

## Cup to Lions

Lions won the New World Cup, sponsored by a German newspaper, defeating Austria 3-1 on Sunday.

**UNDER-10 NORTH OF YARRA LEAGUE**

	W	D	L	Pts
J.U.S.T.	4	0	1	8
Ardeer	3	1	1	7
Ajax	2	2	1	6
Collingwood	2	1	2	5
Deer Park	2	1	2	5
West N'port	2	1	2	5
Suns. City	2	0	3	4
Suns. Eagles	0	0	5	0

## One More Issue

There will be one more issue of Soccer News for 1963 — next week. Make sure of your copy by placing an order now and watch for details of our first issue in '64.

Next week's features will include a review of the year's activities in Soccer as well as a preview of the big films coming to the Palais, St. Kilda, next month.

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Irishman Norman Martlew is happy in his job — probably because his job is to make people happy.

His job is to break the glad tidings to people who have hit the jackpot in Littlewoods Pools.

And his soft Irish brogue is the sweetest sound thousands of folk have heard.

Every week his job takes him all over the British Isles, and sometimes overseas, to tell people they have won a fortune.

Norman recently told his story to the Glasgow Sunday Post.

He explained what happens when a person wins the Pools.

First an investigation branch man makes an exhaustive check with the Pools winner. He wants to see the Postal order stub, an example of handwriting, details of when and where the P.O. was bought.

He requires a signed declaration that the winner has no relatives with Littlewoods.

## Begging letters

The investigation man and Mr. Martlew stay with the man from Monday until Thursday until he receives his cheque. The investigation man stays with him until the following Monday to make sure he is not pestered and to give him introductions to banks, etc.

Winners are invariably plagued with letters appealing for help. Four investigation men take up positions in different parts of the country every Sunday to be on hand to take charge of these begging letters.

They sort through all the mail and burn begging letters or send them to headquarters in Liverpool. The 20 men of this branch can instantly recognise the handwriting of the begging regulars.

Norman tells the story of the biggest Littlewoods' win — a 53-year-old Belfast ganger who won £300,684 in February, 1959. He was earning £9/15/- a week then; now drives a 3-litre car and lives in a beautiful house.

Then there was the young housewife who fainted into the arms of a Littlewoods' man when she saw her winning cheque.

Most Pools' winners ask for a loan to tide them over until their cheque comes through. Littlewoods usually advance £100 to £500.

The longest trip Norman has made to contact a winner was to Bermuda, where he handed over a £50,000 cheque to Henry Lightbourn, 59. "I stayed at a luxury hotel, all expenses paid for six days while the cheque was cleared and deposited in the bank," said Norman. "Bermuda in the height of summer! I felt I had won the pools myself."

Norman says the most unusual thing a big winner has bought was the fur coat. Not an expensive mink, but a bargain imitation fur coat reduced to 8 gns. at an Oxford St sale. And the woman had just won a quarter of a million!

If you're worried about your friends dropping you after winning the Pools, Norman says that 95 per cent of winners retain their friends.

## 'Spirit' told her

Many winners offer Norman money when he breaks the good news to them, but to accept would mean instant dismissal.

Norman says that many winners keep in touch

Excuse me, but you've just won a fortune!

with him. "They invite me out to lunch, ask me to book a cruise for them, or they send a Christmas card."

One of the strangest methods of forecasting Norman has come across was the woman who used to bet several shillings a week on her coupon.

One day she went to seance and a spirit voice informed her she was going to win money. She promptly doubled her stake for the coming Saturday — and did win a large sum.

And of the more persistent pools punters Norman tells this story:

"Mr. X, of Lanark, studied football form in papers year in and year out.

"He took everything into account — injuries, weather, state of the pitch — he lot. He was a laughing-stock with all his friends, but he persevered and last year he won £130,000."

## OVERSEAS RESULTS

**ENGLAND**  
Football Association Cup, first round —

Altrincham 1, Wrexham 2 (abandoned after 76 minutes — fog); Bexley United 1, Wimbledon 5; Bradford 3, Hearn 1; Bridgewater Town 0, Luton Town 3; Crook Town 1, Chesterfield 2; Hartlepool United 0, Lincoln City 1; Maidenhead United 0, Bath 2; Netherfield 6, Loughborough United 1; Trowbridge 1, Coventry City 6; Yeovil Town 1, Southend United 0; Doncaster Rovers 3, Tranmere Rovers 0; Bradford City 1, Port Vale 2; Barnsley 1, Stockport County 0; Barrow 3, Bangor City 2; Bournemouth 1, Bristol Rovers 3; Brentford 2, Margate 2; Brighton and Hove Albion 0, Colchester United 1; Cambridge United 0, Chelmsford City 1; Chester 3, Rlyth Spartans 2; Corby Town 1, Bristol City 3; Crystal Palace 3, Harwich and Parkston 2; Darlington 1, Gateshead 4; Exeter City 2, Shrewsbury Town 1; Hereford United 1, Newport County 1; Hull City 2, Crewe Alexandra 2; Kettering 1, Millwall 1; Notts County 2, Frickley 1; Oldham Athletic v Mansfield Town (postponed, fog); Oxford United 2, Folkestone Town 0; P'borough Utd. 1, Watford 1; Queen's Park Rangers 4, Gillingham 1; Reading 2, Enfield Town 2; Rochdale v Chorley (postponed, fog); Southport 2, Walsall 1; Sutton United 0, Aldershot 4; Tooting and Mitcham 1, Gravesend and Northfleet United 2; Torquay United 6, Barnet 2; Weymouth 1, Bedford Town 1; Worthing 1, Halifax Town 1; York City 2, Carlisle United 5.

**ENGLISH DIVISION ONE**  
Aston Villa 4, Manchester

United 0; Blackburn Rovers 3, Birmingham City 0; Blackpool 1, West Bromwich Albion 0; Chelsea 3, Arsenal 1; Liverpool 2, Fulham 0; Nottingham Forest 2, Everton 2; Sheffield United 0, Bolton Wanderers 1; Stoke City 4, Sheffield Wednesday 4; Tottenham Hotspur 3, Burnley 2; West Ham United 2, Leicester City 2; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Ipswich Town 1.

**ENGLISH DIVISION TWO**  
Bury v Southampton (postponed, fog); Cardiff City 2, Huddersfield Town 1; Leeds United 1, Preston North End 1; Manchester City v Middlesbrough (postponed, fog); Northampton 2, Swansea Town 3; Norwich City 3, Derby County 0; Portsmouth 4, Charlton Athletic 1; Rotherham United 1, Grimsby Town 0; Scunthorpe United 1, Plymouth Argyle 0; Sunderland 4, Leyton Orient 1; Swindon Town 0, Newcastle United 0.

**SCOTLAND**  
**SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE**  
Aberdeen 6, Motherwell 2; Airdrieonians 2, Falkirk 5; Dundee United 0, Hearts 0; East Stirling 0, Dunfermline Athletic 1; Hibernian 1, Celtic 1; Kilmarnock 1, Rangers 1; Partick Thistle 2, St Mirren 1; St Johnstone 1, Dundee 6; Third Lanark 1, Queen of South 1.

**SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO**  
Arbroath 4, Dumbarton 0; Brechin City 5, Alloa 1; Clyde 6, Ayr United 0; Cowdenbeath 2, Albion Rovers 2; Morton 4, Queen's Park 0; Raith Rovers 2, Berwick Rangers 0; Stenhousemuir 0, Montrose 1; Stirling Albion 2, Forfar Athletic 1; Stranraer 3, East Fife 5.

# ALL YOUR TABLES, DIVIDENDS, SCORERS

Here is a comprehensive Pools guide for punters. Because of the Football Association Cup first round there are no Division 3 and 4 tables this week.

English and Scottish Soccer League tables after Saturday's matches were:

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.			
Sheffield	18	9	6	3	34	22	24			
Liverpool	17	11	1	5	34	19	23			
Blackburn	19	9	5	5	41	26	23			
Tottenham	17	10	3	4	50	33	23			
Arsenal	19	10	3	6	50	41	23			
Manchester	18	9	4	5	36	23	22			
Everton	17	9	3	5	33	27	21			
Burnley	19	8	5	6	30	27	21			
Nottingham	18	8	4	6	27	22	20			
Sheff. W.	18	8	4	6	34	29	20			
Leicester	18	6	6	6	27	23	18			
W. Brom.	18	7	4	7	28	24	18			
W. Ham	18	6	6	6	27	30	18			
Wolves	18	7	4	7	27	36	18			
Chelsea	18	5	7	6	23	27	17			
Stoke City	18	5	6	7	35	38	16			
Blackpool	18	6	4	8	19	31	16			
Aston V.	18	7	1	10	28	29	15			
Fulham	18	6	2	10	15	23	14			

Birmingham	18	5	2	11	20	39	12
Bolton	18	3	3	12	25	36	9
Ipswich	18	1	3	14	17	50	5

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.			
Sunderland	19	12	4	3	35	17	29			
Leeds U.	18	10	7	1	34	14	27			
Preston	18	10	6	2	36	25	26			
Swindon	18	10	5	3	33	17	25			
Charlton	18	10	3	5	39	36	23			
Portsmouth	19	8	5	6	36	30	21			
M'borough	17	8	4	5	34	18	20			
North'ham	18	8	2	8	27	26	18			
Cardiff	17	6	6	5	25	27	18			
Man. C.	17	6	5	6	26	26	17			
Swansea	18	6	5	7	24	31	17			
South'ham	16	6	4	6	32	29	16			
Derby	17	6	4	7	20	25	16			
Leyton	17	6	4	7	19	27	16			
Bury	17	6	3	8	26	27	15			
Roth'ham	17	6	3	8	30	33	15			
N'castle	18	6	2	10	30	36	14			
Hudders'ld	18	4	2	10	23	30	14			
Norwich	18	4	5	9	30	37	13			
Grimsby	18	3	5	10	18	34	11			
Scunth'pe	16	3	4	9	11	20	10			
Plym'th	19	1	6	12	10	41	8			

## SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Rangers	12	9	3	0	33	4	21
Kil'nock	12	9	2	1	27	10	20
Dundee	12	8	2	2	34	13	18
Dun'line	12	7	4	1	27	11	18
Hearts	12	6	4	2	25	14	16
Celtic	12	6	3	3	38	16	15
D'ce U.	12	5	2	5	24	16	12
St. Mir'n	12	6	0	6	14	20	12
Falkirk	12	4	3	5	16	24	11
Aber'n	12	3	4	5	21	19	10
St. J'tene	12	4	2	6	25	29	10
M'well	12	4	2	6	21	26	10
Queen S.	12	4	2	6	14	29	10
Third L.	12	3	3	6	14	23	9
Partick	12	3	3	6	12	22	9
Hib'nian	12	2	2	8	18	31	6
E. Stirl.	12	3	0	9	11	26	6
Airdrie	12	1	1	10	13	54	3

## SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Morton	14	14	0	0	70	18	28
Clyde	16	12	3	1	46	19	27
Arbroath	15	11	1	3	39	17	23
Montr's	13	9	3	1	29	13	21
Queen P.	15	9	2	4	24	19	20
E. Fife	14	4	7	3	31	24	15
D'baron	14	7	1	6	30	28	15
Stranraer	14	6	3	5	26	27	13
Albion	13	5	4	4	29	29	14
Sten'h'r	14	5	3	6	32	34	13
Brechin	15	5	3	7	25	41	13
Cowd'th	14	4	3	7	21	27	11
Stirling	14	4	3	7	22	43	11
Hami'n	13	4	2	7	20	35	10
Roth	15	4	1	10	24	27	9
Allan	14	4	1	9	19	34	9
Ayr U'd	15	3	1	11	19	36	7
Berwick	12	2	2	8	16	31	6
Forfar	14	1	3	10	19	39	5

## POOLS DIVIDENDS

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH SOCCER POOLS

Dividends for November 9:—</



# POWERFUL GROUP 'RULING SOCCER'

From TERRY SMITH

SYDNEY, Wednesday: A group of Sydney first division club presidents appears to be dictating the policy of our Soccer.

They are headed by Hakoah president Mr Karel Rodny.

Pressure from this group means that only ONE overseas team—either a Russian club side or English first division champion Everton—will come to Australia next season.

It originally was decided by the Australian Federation that both teams should make a major tour here.

But whichever touring side comes here will play only State teams in the various capital cities and not a representative Australian combination.

The Sydney presidents also forced the Australian Federation to agree to give 50 per cent of the net profits of the matches to the local Federation for distribution among the clubs.

## Surprise

These demands were agreed to at a surprise meeting at Mascot airport just before Australian Federation chairman Theo Marmaras and secretary Bob Clark left for Europe last Friday.

Also present was the Australian Federation president, W. G. Walkley.

I will be surprised if Victoria in future tolerates the policy of Soccer in Australia being decided upon because of pressure from a group of Sydney club officials.

Mr Rodny denied that any threats were made by the group to the Australian Federation.

But there is talk in Soccer circles here that top Sydney players would not have been made available for matches against a second touring team.

## "Disrupted"

"The first division competitions in Sydney and Melbourne would be completely disrupted if we had two tours here next year," said Mr Rodny in an exclusive interview with Soccer News.

"Our top players would spend most of the season away in a training camp and then playing in matches in the

various cities," he said.

"And although our clubs would lose the services of their top players—men such as Jim Kelly and Ron Lord—we would still have to pay them."

Mr Rodny said the reasoning behind scrapping a representative Australian team was a simple and elementary one.

## Ticket

He said a match against a touring Russian team or Everton in Melbourne would not be the financial success it should be if the visitors had beaten our Australian team by five or six goals in Sydney.

Or vice versa! Our powerful group of club presidents now is meeting at least once a month.

They even have gone so far as to issue a ticket on who should be elected to the Sydney management committee at the annual meeting on November 27.

Their candidates are (in alphabetical order) Messrs Jim Bayutti, Andy Burton, Frank Hoffman, Tom Grimson, Ben Nathan, Alec Pongrass, Frank Parsons and Johnny Thomson.

Mr Burton was the founder and initial president of the breakaway Sydney Federation.

This move will really test the strength of our ambitious group of presidents.

Only four members of the present management committee, Messrs Hoffman, Grimson, Nathan and Parsons, have been chosen for re-election.

And the group has not nominated one second division representative—and the second division vote in the past has decided many an important issue.

## Dangerous

The Australian Federation set a dangerous precedent when it allowed this group of club

officials to dictate its policy.

The sporting editor of the Sydney Morning Herald made it clear what he thought of the move, in his column last Sunday.

"Authority in the code has now been usurped by the presidents of the first division clubs," he said.

"It has been made plain that they plan to direct the two governing bodies provided under the Federation's constitution—the council and the management committee."

"The presidents, it would seem, are now to issue the orders."

"The presidents might have held one meeting—the first and the last—if their move for control had been made during tenure of office as State president by the late Henry Seamounts."

I most heartily agree with this.

# Juniors will double their ranks in '64!

Junior Soccer will double its playing strength in 1964, junior secretary Don Joiner said last night in a review of junior Soccer in Victoria.

He said: "Season 1963 has been a year of re-organising and work in the schools, with record numbers of players, leagues and schools playing junior Soccer."

"The setting up of the North and South of the Yarra Junior Soccer Federations will allow the junior management committee to concentrate on Soccer development in schools and country areas next season," he said.

Don said that highlights of 1963 were:

- Funds provided by the trustees of the Federation enabled 400 primary school children to play Soccer for the first time.
- Geelong have now started organised junior teams.
- Latrobe Valley has a record 800 juniors playing.
- High and technical school representatives now sit on the junior management committee.
- Soccer News clinics commenced.

Record number of representative and interstate matches played.

The 1964 season will see attempts to organise Soccer in the State primary schools.

It is planned to appoint four executive assistants to secretary Don Joiner, who will be given full responsibility and authority for the organisation and development of school and country Soccer.

The Under-18 State championships will be held in Adelaide and the Victorian squad will commence training in February.

An Australian junior body will be established to organise and control junior Soccer in Australia.

Soccer News clinics will be developed to cover country areas.

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# Rugby couldn't lure Nev. away

By JIM USHER

Lucky for Wilhelmina that the love for Soccer is so strong in the heart of sturdy full-back Neville Luyt.

Once during his sporting career he had no choice but to play Rugby—and was so good at it that he was captain of his high school team.

That was when Neville was 16, and it was in South Africa, where he was born.

Neville, who married Mudite Lieknis at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hotham St, East Melbourne, recently, told me the story of his schoolboy careers in Soccer and Rugby.

He played Soccer as a youngster in Johannesburg, but at high school it was compulsory to play Rugby. Neville, a natural athlete, soon adopted himself to the code and finished up as captain of the Queens Park High School.

But as soon as his high school days were over it was back to Soccer and at 17 he played for Mibernians in Cape Town. He represented the Western Province 20 times.

In 1957 he went to England and played three

seasons, with Brighton and then Sussex, as an amateur.

He returned to Cape Town for three months, then back to Johannesburg, where he played with Johannesburg City, then the Ramblers (a team

Slavia's Des Palmer once played with).

Of South African Soccer Neville says there are not the individual stars as in Australia, but the teamwork is far superior—and the standard, helped

by English coaches, is improving all the time.

In 1961 Neville decided to come to Australia, and wrote a letter to the Melbourne Herald. A small paragraph appeared in the Sporting Globe and Mr. von Hoboken, president of Wilhelmina, immediately contacted Neville and invited him here.

Just as well he did, for Neville has been a sound defender for Wilhelmina and a good club man.

Now Neville is married and 26, he hopes one day to branch into coaching of junior players.

He spent a lot of time coaching juniors in South Africa.

Neville, off the Soccer field, is an estimator with a printing firm, Academy Press.

# OUCH! YOU GIRLS ARE TOO ROUGH!

Eleven lady soccer players recently shut themselves in their dressing-room halfway through a match and refused to play any more. They said the eleven lady players of the other side were too rough.

It happened during a charity match at Blairhall, Fife, Scotland.

Several of the visiting team, Howard Harlequins, from Newcastle—on Tyne, were treated for injuries in the first half.

By the interval the home team, the Fife Dynamites, were leading 3-1, and the Howard Harlequins were one player short through injury.

After the interval the Harlequins side shut themselves in their dressing room and shouted at the other team, the Dynamites ladies: "You're too rough!"

The Dynamites ladies feared: "You're frightened to face us!"

Harlequin manager, Alec Morton, went on the pitch and announced: "The match is off!" That brought a storm of boos and cat-calls.

Dynamites captain Margaret Fletcher said: "This is a ridiculous decision—the game was no tougher than any other."

Referee Johnny Wilson, a former Glasgow Celtic player, said: "I felt the game should have gone on." — JIM COOK.



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What was 1963 like for your club? For some it was great, for others mediocre, and for a few "shocking". JIM COOK today reviews the year, with a hint on how your club may go next year.



JIM COOK

Teams that performed well this year are certain to be forces in State League again next year.

But keep your eye on two teams who could make a big impact next year — Melbourne and South Melbourne-Hellas, particularly if they each get a couple of top-class players to cover present weaknesses.

Here are my thoughts on the 12 State League teams, and the two Metropolitan promotion sides, Triestina and Alexander.

## ● J.U.S.T.

J.U.S.T. this year were a rejuvenated side, reminiscent of the 1955-56-57 era. They are the toast of Footscray, and deservedly so with their premiership and Dockerty Cup wins.

J.U.S.T. are a balanced, purposeful combination, with only one serious failing — a tendency to back-pedal when up against it.

A star studded side and only Polonia equals them in individual talent. Centre half Billy Rice carried the heaviest burden in their side — and carried it well.

Will be a big force again next season — without a shadow of doubt!

## ● POLONIA

A disappointing season for a club which has done so much to provide the public with good, clean and attractive soccer.

Runners-up in the League, beaten finalists in both Dockerty and Australia Cups, the Maribyrnong officials and players have taken their reverses with a smile. With two new top line players they are ready to remedy their weaknesses.

In 1964 Polonia will be well prepared, and nobody will deny them at least some measure of the success that has eluded them this year.

## ● GEORGE CROSS

Although they maintained their usually high and respectable position, George Cross were the biggest disappointment of the year.

A change of management did not bring the success anticipated — their first ever State League premiership. Surprisingly they went under to Melbourne in the Dockerty Cup.

In the Australia Cup they were a trifle unlucky to go out on "penalty kicks" to Polonia after missing a penalty in the regulation period.

Too many team changes; too many new players who didn't live up to their reputation and too many players who lost form suggest that their successful 1962 Dockerty Cup winning side might have done better. Look out for a big improvement here next year.

## ● SLAVIA

What a wonderful year for a side which has never passed the mediocre stage in State League.

Slavia edged Wilhelmina out of fourth position, then went on to down J.U.S.T., A.P.I.A., Juventus (S.A.) and finally Polonia to win Australia's most coveted and foremost Soccer trophy — the Craven "A" £5000 Australia Cup.

Well balanced in defence, with Shepherd and Ackerley the best full backs in the League, they also have an excellent half-line in Auchie, Cook and Sanchez.

Slavia lack a bit of thrust in front, but their team-builders, who have done an excellent job, are sure to remedy this to make them a threat for the premiership in 1964.

## ● WILHELMINA

Not the Wilhelmina of old — not by a long chalk. This season they have been totally unpredictable — a new departure for the Ringwood club. Despite a fair sprinkling of capable and experienced players, one factor emerged which killed their hopes — lack of team spirit.

One bright feature is the late season capture, full back Mike McAulay, from Ireland, who is a definite "find."

It can be safely assumed that this enterprising club will line-up some new talent for the new season and are a good bet to improve in '64.

# TWO SIDES LOOM AS '64 DANGERS

## ● S.M.-HELLAS

The 1962 premiers had only one excuse for their 1963 showing — other sides were much stronger than they were a year ago.

Hellas this year were an average middle-of-the-table side, as their position indicates.

They frittered and lip-tapped their way to many defeats and they were not helped by frequent ordering off of their players — something which suggests a lack of inner discipline.

It seems likely that when Tommy Anderson returns from the U.K. he will bring with him several good class players to make Hellas a force once again next year.

## ● JUVENTUS

Juventus started off as if they would recapture the form which made them premiers in 1958, but they slumped badly from half-way.

Internal wrangling with management and players did little to help their position and it was indeed a hard struggle for them to make the 1964 night soccer series.

A lack of pace in the side means certain "old timers" are due to be replaced. Shining light in the side was inside forward Jimmy Millar.

With the acquisition of Slavia "rebels," Donlevy and Scott, plus a couple more, they might improve.

## ● LIONS

Lions had a remarkably good middle-of-the-season run with a very mediocre side. The old adage that one man never makes a team was not applicable to Lions.

Former Wilhelmina and Dutch international Mike de Bruyckere not only coached the side — he "made" them on the field with his tactical manoeuvring and ability to size up the weak points of the opposition.

With the exception of keeper Voigt and wing-half Kleinert the side needs plenty of rebuilding — or it could be in trouble in '64.

## ● MELBOURNE

A season of "hits and misses." Any side that can down both J.U.S.T. and Polonia has something, but overall that "something" didn't prove good enough.

For a side that was uninspiring in attack the transfer of Jimmy Pearson could be justified only on one count — economics.

Melbourne had one of the six best defences in the league. Their guiding star was undoubtedly centre-half and coach Alan Elliott.

Another influx of imports may remedy their forward weaknesses and make them a force to be reckoned with next season.

## ● HAKOAH

A fine ground, a good committee, but a team that flattered to deceive — that was Hakoah.

Escaping regulation by the skin of their teeth, the oldest club of present State League members showed an apathy on the field that sometimes was hard to believe.

It seems that the British players do not respond to the Continental coaching ideas of Ron Savecki — at least that's my opinion.

Hakoah have one or two players on the way out, but they have a measure of talent, especially left winger Joe Keenan.

They sadly lack an experienced general in defence to hold the side together, and a hard-hitting free scoring centre forward.

Unless they get two good men for these positions they will be up against it again next year.

## ● CROATIA

This side drew its first five games against good opposition, then faltered badly.

No doubt they will think back on their first year in the State League with a certain amount of trepidation. Selectors must realise the damage twisting a team around sometimes beyond recognition does to team spirit and teamwork.

Unlucky to lose cultured wing-half Dougan after two games with a broken leg, they were virtually a "one man band" — Fernie's Band. Without him they were poor stuff indeed.

No indication on what they can do until their position is clarified.

## ● RICHMOND

Plenty of fight, but little purpose or imagination. Richmond were doomed practically from the start.

Although they spent fistfuls of hard-earned cash, they mainly acquired players who were rejects from other State League clubs. It was two of these, Glennie and Copeland, who made the biggest impact on the opposing sides they played.

In the same category as Croatia — wait and see.

## ● TRIESTINA, ALEXANDER

Unless both these sides spend good money, wisely and quickly, they could find themselves in the Richmond/Croatia boat at the end of next season.

Both were high scoring sides, with strong defences, in the First Division, but they would do well to forget that grade and the triumphs they achieved.

Two sides full of "ifs" and "buts" and that's about all one can say.

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